

# 2020 Endorsement Questionnaire South County

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APA Democratic Caucus of Alameda County



**PLEASE COMPLETE AND SUBMIT BY SEPT. 9, midnight.** Please take time to review the questions before filling in the boxes since you cannot save the responses for later completion. Thank you for your interest in being considered for an endorsement by the Asian Pacific American Democratic Caucus of Alameda County. Please answer each question in 250 words or less. Be honest and direct. Please note: your questionnaire will be posted on our website for Caucus members and the public to review.

Personal Information

Candidate Name \*

Jhansi Kalapala

City and zip code of residence.

FREMONT, 94538

What is your campaign website address?

[www.jhansi4schoolboard.com](http://www.jhansi4schoolboard.com)

What is your campaign email address?

[jhansi4schoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:jhansi4schoolboard@gmail.com)

What is the office that you are seeking? \*

- City of San Leandro City Council
- City of San Leandro School Board
- City of Hayward City Council
- City of Hayward, Unified School District Trustee
- City of Fremont, Mayor
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 1
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 5
- City of Fremont, City Council, Dist. 6
- City of Fremont, Unified School District, Dist. 1
- City of Fremont, Unified School District, Dist. 4
- City of Fremont, Unified School District, Dist. 5
- City of Union City, Mayor
- City of Union City, City Council
- New Haven School Trustee, Area 1
- New Haven School Trustee, Area 2
- New Haven School Trustee, Area 3
- City of Newark, Mayor
- City of Newark, City Council
- City of Newark, School Board
- City of Newark, School Board, Short term
- Eden Healthcare District
- Washington Hospital Healthcare District
- Oro Loma Sanitary District

Ohlone Community College

Alameda County Water District

AD 20, State Assembly Representative

AD 25, State Assembly Representative

Ohlone Community College, Area 2

Other: .....

Are you the incumbent?

Yes

No

Are you a registered Democrat? The APA Democratic Caucus can only endorse registered Democrats

Yes

No

How long have you been a registered Democrat? If less than 5 years, please explain your reason for becoming a Democrat.

The equality in the public. ....

Are you an APA Caucus member?

Yes

No

Why are you seeking the Caucus's endorsement?

I liked the way you are encouraging the local candidates and I am the right person for this position.

List ONLY the top 5 endorsements that you have received. (Please reference your website if you want to alert us to more).

Still waiting for the reply.

If we endorse you, will you use our name in your campaign materials?

Yes

No

Maybe

How long have you lived in the district which you are seeking to represent?

17 years

Educational background: What schools have you attended, date graduated, major and degree(s) earned.

Doctorate in Healthcare Leadership & Management from California University, Irvine, Masters in Computer Applications from Osmania University, India- 2000

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Employment: List the last three (3) paid positions, indicating name of employer, job title, and length of employment.

Health Records Information Manager, Fremont Hospital (18 months), Health Admin manager, worked in Stanford Hospital through Maxim Healthcare.

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What are the names of any community or nonprofit organizations with which you have been an active volunteer in the past 3-5 years.

Parent Teacher Association, unit level, and council level.  
Bread of life homeless volunteer through GSSAM.

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CANDIDATE QUESTIONS

1. What differentiates you from your opponents for the elected office that you are seeking?

My name is Jhansi Kalapala I am a resident of the Fremont community since 2003, so it has been a long relation to this community. I really take pride to live in this community for so many years, and it has been a great bond so far. I am looking forward to work many more years to come. I would like to tell you that I am a Health IT Manager and I perceived my Doctorate in Healthcare Leadership and Information Management from California University, Irvine. Earlier, I worked as the Vice President for the Open Shores Services Company. During this tenure, I trained many young graduates to learn the art of doing their jobs and getting new technical skills to get better in their professional careers.

I was quite satisfied with my job, but I wanted to contribute something to my community so I started working as a classroom volunteer in my Kids' School. I was involved in PTA and worked in many roles such as President and Executive Vice President. I was really enjoying this role to make some contribution so I continued to get involved in more things. I helped students by teaching them after school math. A debate club was also started with the partnership of the Fremont Debate Academy (FDA). These community projects have added so much to my personal and professional career that I want to continue in this fashion for more years to come. As a community leader and PTA leader helped the students after school math coaching, personality development classes, and debate classes. Actively involved in the homeless volunteer programs, closely working with the community and school board resolved school issues like lunch shades. Extensive knowledge of the issues, passionate towards serving, and students first makes these things different.

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2. Describe one issue for the district you want to represent for which you have provided leadership and about which you are passionate.

As a PTA leader, I did lead to so many activities. One example was conducted the personality development club that is necessary for schools. One of my goals in resolving mental health issues that are caused due to stress, economic situations, or family problems. My plan to solve these problems to conduct more workshops to educate staff, parents, and students on symptoms of and help for mental health problems. Help ensure a positive, safe school environment, and teach and reinforce positive behaviors and decision-making.

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3. What percentage of the district you [or intend to] represent are of APA heritage?

58.4 percent Asians, 0.91 percent pacific Islander,

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4. Please identify the three largest APA ethnicities in your district.

Chinese, Hawaiians, and Indians

5. Please identify the most at-risk APA community in your district and explain why.

Indians and Chinese are most vulnerable in this area.

6. List the three top concerns of members of the APAs in your district.

inclusiveness issues in schools, no equity and safety.

7. During the COVID-19 pandemic, reports of anti-Asian verbal and physical attacks have arisen. If you are the incumbent, how have you addressed this? If you are a candidate how will you address this?

5 D s methods to resolve these issues Distract, Delegate, Delay, Direct, and Document.

8. Do you believe that Asian and Pacific Americans are adequately represented in local government? What can elected officials do to improve participation?

I feel that is inclusiveness.

9. Please identify all Asian Pacific American candidates whom you have personally endorsed over the past 5 years including this election cycle. If there are none, please explain.

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10. If you were faced with a situation that involved an Asian Pacific American community, would you seek consultation with our Caucus as a resource?

Yes

No

Thank you for completing our questionnaire.

Please submit your responses by Sept. 9, 2020 midnight. Our South County Endorsement Meeting is scheduled for Sat., Sept. 20 from 1 to 3 pm on Zoom. Only those candidates submitting the questionnaire on time will be on our endorsement ballot. No changes to your responses can be made after it is submitted.

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